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ARRESTS IN \$32,000,000.00 CHECK KITING SCHEME

John E. Bell, Jr., Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Detroit, Michigan, announces the arrest this morning of two individuals, without incident, for violation of Title 18 Section 1344 Bank Fraud, for the operation of a thirty-two million dollar check kiting scheme against Michigan National Bank.

The two individuals arrested were former employees and officers of Simplified Employment Services (SES), a professional employment organization located in Auburn Hills, Michigan:

1. Ronald Bray of Rochester Hills, Michigan, age 47
2. Janice Picklo, also known as Janice Darroch, of Orion, Michigan, age 31

Arrangements have been made for two other former employees of SES, Brian Lambka and Dennis Lambka, to turn themselves in later today as there are outstanding warrants for their arrest as well. Brian Lambka, age 41, and Dennis Lambka, age 47, are both residents of Shelby Township, Michigan.

SES filed for bankruptcy protection shortly after the FBI investigation into this thirty-two million dollar check kiting scheme became known. As a result, Ronald Bray and others resigned. Janice Picklo was laid off from SES in November 2001. The affidavit discloses money from this check kiting scheme was used to keep SES afloat and to maintain an extravagant lifestyle for Bray, Picklo, and the Lambkas.

These arrests stem from a complaint and warrant signed on January 22, 2002, by United States Magistrate Donald Scheer, Detroit, Michigan. Further information regarding these charges are contained in the affidavit in support of the arrest warrant.

It is anticipated Bray and Picklo will have an initial appearance this afternoon before a United States Magistrate in Federal District Court, Detroit, Michigan.

SAC Bell would like to emphasize this investigation is still ongoing and it is anticipated further charges will be brought against other individuals.